

THE CONSTITUTION (EIGHTEENTH AMENDMENT)
ACT, 1966

[27th August, 1966]

An Act further to amend the Constitution of India.

Be it enacted by Parliament in the Seventeenth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 1966. Short
title.

2. In article 3 of the Constitution, the following *Explanations* shall be inserted at the end, namely:— Amend-
ment of
article 3.

Explanation I.—In this article, in clause (a) to (e), "State" includes a Union territory, but in the proviso, "State" does not include a Union territory.

Explanation II.—The power conferred on Parliament by clause (a) includes the power to form a new State or Union territory by uniting a part of any State or Union territory to any other State or Union territory.'

THE CONSTITUTION (NINETEENTH AMENDMENT) ACT, 1966

[11th December, 1966]

An Act further to amend the Constitution of India.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Seventeenth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

Short
title.

1. This Act may be called the Constitution (Nineteenth Amendment) Act, 1966.

Amend-
ment of
article
324.

2. In article 324 of the Constitution, in clause (1), the words "including the appointment of election tribunals for the decision of doubts and disputes arising out of or in connection with elections to Parliament and to the Legislatures of States" shall be omitted.

THE CONSTITUTION (TWENTIETH AMENDMENT)
ACT, 1966

[22nd December, 1966]

An Act further to amend the Constitution of India.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Seventeenth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Constitution (Twentieth Amendment) Act, 1966.

2. After article 233 of the Constitution, the following article shall be inserted, namely:—

Insertion
of new
article 233A.

“233A. Notwithstanding any judgment, decree or order of any court,—

Validation
of appoint-
ments of,
and
judgments,
etc.,
delivered
by, certain
district
judges.

(a) (i) no appointment of any person already in the judicial service of a State or of any person who has been for not less than seven years an advocate or a pleader, to be a district judge in that State, and

(ii) no posting, promotion or transfer of any such person as a district judge,

made at any time before the commencement of the Constitution (Twentieth Amendment) Act, 1966, otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of article 233 or article 235 shall be deemed to be illegal or void or ever to have become illegal or

void by reason only of the fact that such appointment, posting, promotion or transfer was not made in accordance with the said provisions;

(b) no jurisdiction exercised, no judgment, decree, sentence or order passed or made, and no other act or proceeding done or taken, before the commencement of the Constitution (Twentieth Amendment) Act, 1966 by, or before, any person appointed, posted, promoted or transferred as a district judge in any State otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of article 233 or article 235 shall be deemed to be illegal or invalid or ever to have become illegal or invalid by reason only of the fact that such appointment, posting, promotion or transfer was not made in accordance with the said provisions.”.
